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Downey,

Please find the ASLM 30 day policy report attached.

Let me know if there are any changes or additions needed.

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1. **ACTION ON ENERGY BURDENS:** Interior will publish draft rules revising the well control and venting rule, respectively, in early 2018. Both rules were identified in Interior's energy burdens report, pursuant to Executive Order 13783. Both revisions are under review with OIRA.

**Timing:** January 2018

**Contact:** Kate MacGregor, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Land and Minerals Management
2. **RISK BASED INSPECTIONS:** On January 2, BSEE will issue a Safety Alert covering findings and recommendations from a series of performance-based and risk-based inspections, a program that BSEE has been working to implement to reduce inspection workload and costs and direct on-site activities towards facilities with the highest risk profiles.

**Timing:** January 2, 2018

**Contact:** Kate MacGregor, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Land and Minerals Management
3. **BOEM DRAFT PROPOSED PLAN:** BOEM aims to publish the Draft Proposed Program (DPP) for the new National Outer Continental Shelf Oil & Gas Program. Publication of the DPP is the first opportunity for the Administration to share proposed leasing areas with the public. Publication of the DPP follows the Request for Information that was published on July 3, in response to which BOEM received over 815,000 comments.

**Timing:** January 4, 2018

**Contact:** Kate MacGregor, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Land and Minerals Management
4. **SAGE GROUSE HABITAT MANAGEMENT:** A scoping report is set to be completed and released to the public in mid-January outlining responses from the states and the public regarding potential management plan changes. In the coming weeks, the department will determine whether to proceed with plan amendments and initiate a public process on the 68 Sage Grouse Resources Management Plans.

**Timing:** January 15, 2018

**Contact:** Casey Hammond, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Land and Minerals Management
5. **MONUMENT MANAGEMENT PLANS:** In the next week, BLM will publish Notice of Intents (NOI) regarding management plans in Bears Ears National Monument and the Grand Staircase Escalante National Monument. The NOIs are the first steps to initiate new management plans in these monuments, consistent with the modifications enacted by the President on December 4, 2017.

**Timing:** January 2018

**Contact:** Casey Hammond, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Land and Minerals

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6. **COAL MINING ACTIONS:** In the coming months, the Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement will submit mining decisions and a notice of availability.

- **Cordero Rojo Mine.** OSMRE's Western Region anticipates forwarding to ASLM a mining plan decision document with a recommendation late January 2017. The mine employs 383 people and produces approximately 20 million tons of coal per year.
- **Bridger Mine Mining Plan Modification (WY):** OSMRE's Western Region anticipates forwarding to ASLM a mining plan decision document with a recommendation on or about January 24, 2018, for the Bridger Mine. The mine employs 540 people. If the modification is approved, production is estimated to be 2.24 million tons per year.

**Timing:** Late January 2017

**Contact:** Kate MacGregor, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Land and Minerals Management